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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - GROUND HANDLING SERVICES AT ROME AIRPORTS

1. UNDER PROVISIONS LAW 755 OF NOVEMBER 10, 1973 WHICH CREATED SOCIETA AEROPORTI DI ROME (ROME AIRPORTS AUTHORITY--SAR), AUTHORIZED TAKE OVER ALL GROUND HANDLING SERVICES AT CIAMPINO AND FIUMICINO AIRPORTS. SAR HAS DECIDED IT WILL PROVIDE GROUND HANDLING SERVICES FOR ALL CARRIERS EXCEPT ALITALIA, WHICH WIL BE PERMITTED PROVIDE ITS OWN.

2. AT LEAST ONE US CARRIER, TWA, WOULD PREFER PROVIDE OWN GROUND HANDLING SERVICES BUT WILL NOT RPT NOT BE PERMITTED DO SO ONCE SAR GROUND HANDLING OPERATIONS BEGIN (PROBABLY SOMETIME IN MARCH). SAR'S TAKEOVER GROUND HANDLING SERVICES IS IN RESPONSE TO STRONG LABOR UNION PRESSURES.

3. SAR'S ARRANGEMENT IS DISCRIMINATORY AND APPARENTLY CONFLICTS WITH RESOLUTION 6.4 OF ICAO ANNEX 9. LOCAL TWA REP HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE. IN EMBASSY'S VIEW, UNION PRESSURES WOULD PREVENT SAR FROM ALLOWING TWA PROVIDE OWN GROUND HANDLING SERVICES EVEN IF SAR FELT INCLINED PERMIT TWA DO SO.

4. FYI. CATERING OF IN-FLIGHT MEALS AT FIUMICINO, WHILE FALLING WITHIN SCOPE LAW 755, IS ESSENTIALLY ANOTHER PROBLEM. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS TWA HEADQUARTERS MAY HAVE APPROACHED DEPARTMENT ON IN-FLIGHT PROBLEM. EMBASSY PREFERS HANDLE IN-FLIGHT

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MEAL ISSUE SEPARATELY FROM OTHER GROUND HANDLING SERVICES.
END FYI.

5. PLEASE ADVISE. VOLPE

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